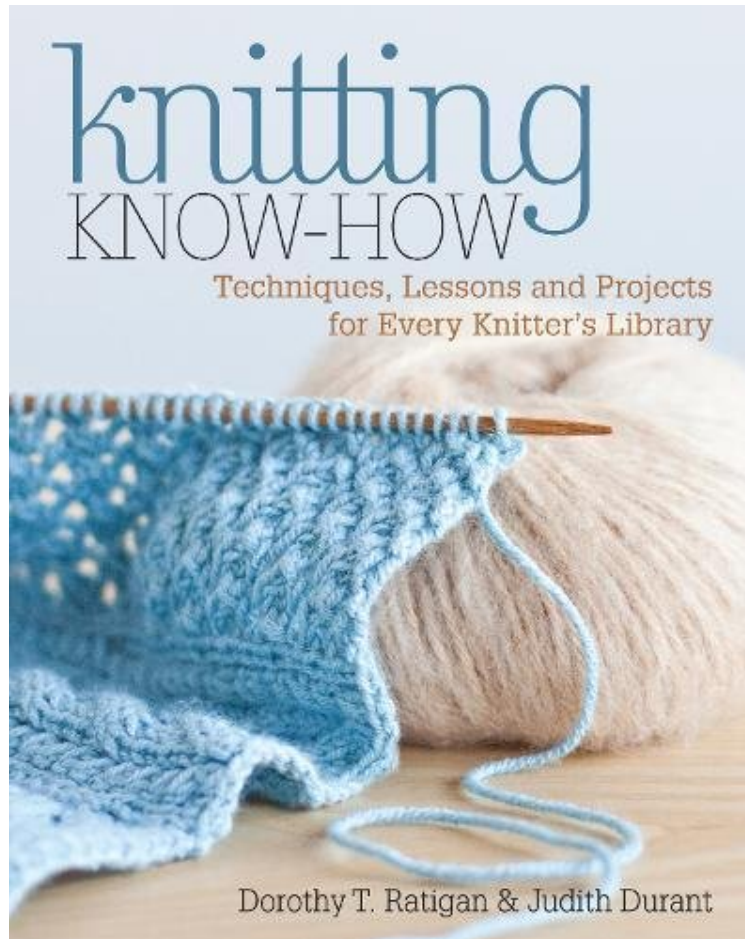


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**Dorothy T. Ratigan, Judith Durant : Knitting Know-How: Techniques, Lessons and Projects for Every Knitter's Library** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitting Know-How: Techniques, Lessons and Projects for Every Knitter's Library:

39 of 39 people found the following review helpful. General Technical Knitting Reference With Exceptionally Clear How-to-Do-It Photos By Lynne E. KNITTING KNOW-HOW is a basic how-to reference book for knitters--yet another entry in an already crowded field that includes the three classics, Knitter's Handbook : A Comprehensive Guide to the Principles and Techniques of Handknitting, Vogue Knitting: The Ultimate Knitting Book, and The Principles of Knitting. However, KNITTING KNOW-HOW distinguishes itself with exceptionally large and clear step-by-step photos of how to accomplish every standard knitting technique, and a great many not-so-standard knitting techniques. The illustrated techniques include, to name only a few: simple knit and twisted knit stitches, right and left-

leaning decreases, seaming with mattress stitch, handling floats in Fair Isle knitting, accomplishing double knitting, using traveling stitches, fixing mistakes in lace, knitting with beads, knitting steeks, taking measurements, and changing pattern sizes. Also, the book includes eight "Project Lessons": Faux Earflap Hats, Beady Cable Gloves, Double-Knit Mitts, Diamond Central Scarf, Stranded Lattice Socks, Austin's Jacket, Ambrosia Sweater, and Lisdoonvarna Aran. I think the first five projects are quite attractive-- probably attractive enough to justify the book purchase. However, the three sweater projects seem dated, and I would not want to knit any of them. If you are an experienced knitter, this book probably duplicates the technical reference books you already own. However, if you learn best from photographs, or if you are a new or moderately experienced knitter, then this book definitely belongs on your technical knitting reference shelf. Because KNITTING KNOW-HOW does not plow any new ground, I rate it at 4.5 stars, rounded up to 5 stars because of the excellent photographic presentation. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Knitting Know-How: Techniques, Lessons and Projects for Every Knitter's Library By MBCT3 KNITTING KNOW-HOW is an amazing book that differs greatly from other knitting how-to books that are available, because it has clear, simple directions and photos. This reference book is also excellent because it contains both standard knitting techniques as well as techniques that may be new and more challenging to any knitter. The book ranges from techniques that are commonly used in knitting such as decreases, increases, the mattress stitch, yarn types and gauges, to double knitting, steeking and Fair Isle. However what is new about this book is the simple precise presentation of material written in a manner that knitters of any level can comprehend, appreciate and more importantly use. Congratulations to both authors for writing a book that finally reaches all knitters with patterns that allow for challenging and fun use of material presented in the book. I have had the distinguished pleasure of taking numerous classes from Dot Ratigan over the years, so as I read the contents of this book, I am able to hear her saying what I am reading. I also count myself among the many who have begged her to write down the "pearls" of knitting wisdom that she has passed on to those who have been lucky enough to learn from her. In turn I hopefully have passed what I have learned from Dot on to my students and now they can find and simply utilize the information that has made numerous others happy productive knitters. All of my knitting classes in the future will be based around this essential tool for all knitters. I am among the many who can never really thank Dot Ratigan for the gift of knitting that had helped turned home made into "hand made". Beth 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A comprehensive challenge By Customer I purchased this book because I am taking up a long-neglected habit of knitting. Through my various forays into online knitting resources, including the wonderful ravelry.com, I have begun to learn just how much I never knew about knitting, despite having completed some quite complex garments in the past. This volume speaks, at rather a breathless pace, to those who seek a level of real expertise. Several types of cast-on and cast-off are discussed. In addition to covering simple knit-purl and seaming techniques, the book covers lacework, chart-reading, short rows and other approaches to shaping and individualizing one's work. I found it a bit daunting -- more because of its comprehensiveness than anything else -- but occasionally the explanations suffer from the brevity with which some of the more complex topics are treated. Yet I'd call it a fine addition to the knitting library I plan to build; and the photographs are lovely. Also extremely useful: a discussion of fibers and yarn types, along with advice about making choices to best suit your projects.

Everything you need to know to knit like a pro! "Knitting Know-How" isn't just another collection of knitting techniques--it's an indispensable resource for making every stitch better! From basic knit and purl stitches to cables, lace, color knitting and garment design, you'll learn the ins and outs of improving your knitting and choosing one technique over another for the results you want. If you have ever wondered which cast-ons are suitable for socks, why you should always (always!) knit a gauge swatch, or how to fix a mis-crossed cable, this book is for you! Discover hundreds of essential techniques, demonstrated with clear step-by-step photos and no-nonsense instructions. Learn how your choices in technique and knitting method can make all the difference in your finished pieces. Design your own garments--or adjust existing patterns--with clear examples and lessons that demystify the math. Put your knowledge to work with 8 project lessons, including double-knit mittens, stranded colorwork socks and an intricately cabled Aran sweater. Are you ready to become a master knitter? Gather your yarn and needles and open this book--your knitting will thank you!

About the Author Dorothy T. Ratigan's career in fiber arts spans more than thirty-five years, and in that time she's done it all, including designing or editing for many major fiber magazines, craft book publishers and yarn companies. She now teaches in several local yarn shops throughout Maine and New Hampshire and is the author of *Knitting The Perfect Pair: Secrets to Great Socks* (Krause). Judith Durant is a former craft book editor for Interweave Press and one of the founding editors of *Interweave Knits*. She has contributed designs and articles to *Interweave Knits*, *Beadwork* and *PieceWork* magazines, had a regular column in *Beadwork* for five years and is the author, co-author or editor of numerous books. She teaches regularly at her local yarn store, *Ewe'll Love It*.